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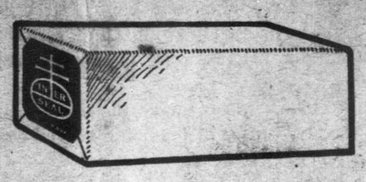

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Upon the application of Martin B Burris Administrator cum testamento annexo of John Laws late of St. Georges Hundred in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Administrator aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters of Administration c.t.a. upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such letters in six of the most public place of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same, or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in the Middletown Transcript a newspaper published in Middletown, Delaware, and to be continued therein two months.

Given under the hand and seal of office of the Register of Wills aforesaid, at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written.

(Seal)

FRED E. BAUH, Register of Wills.

NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration c.t.a. were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned, on the Twenty-fourth day of August A. D. 1906, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested, to the said Administrator, c.t.a. on or before the Twenty-fourth day of August, 1907, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

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GEO. W. INGRAM.

The Transcript, $1

FOR NEW STATE HOUSE

Impressions That The Legislature Will Take Some Action

The subject of a new State capitol for Delaware is again being agitated and several of the new Legislators have expressed the opinion that something ought to be done at this session looking toward this end.

The present State House of Delaware is unquestionably inadequate and lacks the dignity or elegance of architecture commensurate with the home of a sovereign State and the seat of its Assembly deliberations.

The State is receiving enough revenue and it is suggested that as it is all spent every two years for one thing or another, and that these other things are getting in line for a divide of all that comes in this year, the best method of insuring the saving of the present handsome revenue coming into the little State, is to build a new and modern State capitol. It would be investing one's own comfortable income in a commodious and comfortable home, it is declared by the agitators of the movement, before letting other people carry all one's income away from home.

State Librarian Thomas W. Wilson is going to urge the Legislature in his report to do something that will relieve the congestion of the State library. Here perishable and priceless documents of State, Nation and legal and scientific works are stored, safe in boxes down the basement because there is not room upstairs.

State Treasurer Rawlins will petition for more room, and the Legislature auditing committee last winter discussed a recommendation to enlarge his quarters if nothing else were done.

There are several plans under discussion and any one of which may be brought to the attention of a legislative committee or the entire Legislature.

HOUSEHOLD TOPICS

The extreme rigidity of "The Simple Life" as laid down in the book of that title, which a year or two ago found its way into the home of almost every intelligent reading family, was the cause of its failure to influence its following by a larger class. Still it left an impress upon the minds of many readers and its discussion has lead indirectly to a change of opinion about what constitutes correct and artistic taste in home-making and furnishing. It has helped, as well, to make us realize the fallacy, not to say absurdity of some of our traditions, and the sentiment that now prevails and is contrary to the views of our ancestors, is that the home must be a place for the family to live in and be comfortable and happy.

The Living Room

An outgrowth of this change of sentiment is the advancement of the family living room to a place of supreme importance in the house plan for whatever kind of home simple or pretentious. If large enough to afford both living room and drawing room, well and good, if not then the guests must be entertained in the living room for on no account can it be sacrificed. Let there be soft color tones that are harmonious if varied and let the expression be one of perfect comfort and restlessness.

Their Furnishing

The floors should be of hardwood if possible and the woodwork in accord with the general color scheme of walls and furnishing. With walls a soft leaf green and the woodwork dark old mahogany and Oriental rugs are correct and artistic. If their price is prohibitive mission or the lighter kind that is now replacing the heavy slab sided type that first appeared would be charming. If the room has little sunshine then have the walls yellow by all means as they give the effect of sunshine and go admirably with dark woodwork and dark furniture, a wicker chair or two upholstered in bright flowered cretonne is not amiss though furniture of all one kind is more artistic. The living room has a couch and pillows covered with dainty white, washable stuffs that are embroidered; it has a desk and large table with lamp in the centre around which the family can congregate and which is well supplied with the best current magazine literature. A palm or two adds much to the artistic effect. Let there be an extra number of chairs chosen for comfort first and looks afterward. Fabrics are employed for wall coverings of living rooms to a great extent and there is a variety of them but there are papers to be had which are very clever imitations of all kinds of fabrics and the choice depends much upon the style of furnishing. Burlaps or plain cartridge paper goes better with the mission, and even the simple colonial style, than many of the fabric papers or fabrics, and as an agreeable adjunct, is a tray with a chocolate pot of Huyler's cocoa, the leading one at fashionable entertainments, and indispensable in the daily routine of domestic life.

The Den

Most of the latest house plans include a den, certainly if the head of the family is a smoker. Contrasts are reserved for the upper floors. Some prefer to have the den totally different and then the choice is for everything Oriental but it should all be strictly of that type or harmony will be sacrificed and if of good quality they are expensive. The idea of simplicity is lost, and as that is the prevailing one the den usually partakes of it. Everything for the comfort and convenience of the smoker is the first consideration in its appointing, after that any ornamentation good taste may suggest.

LUCY CARTER.

Prison Labor for Roads

The Directors of the Maryland House of Correction recently urged Magistrates to commit more parties charged with misdemeanors to the institution to fill the need of labor on the new Baltimore-Washington boulevard. It is not unlikely that the Legislature will be asked to sanction the employment of inmates of the penitentiary upon the roads of the State.

NEW VALUATIONS

County Assessors Must not Copy Old Lists

At a meeting of the Levy Court Tuesday the newly-elected assessors were sworn into office by Deputy Clerk of the Peace George Janvier. The assessors also received their instructions. President McFarlin of the Levy Court informed the Wilmington assessors that they would be expected to make an entirely new assessment of property in Wilmington for county purposes. In most instances in the past the assessors have been recopying the old lists and making changes here and there but the court desires an entirely new assessment to be turned in early next year.

After a conference the members of the court decided to notify Charles H. LeFevre, of Smyrna, counsel for the Smyrna, Kent county and Delaware Bay Traction Company, that its application for the use of county roads within New Castle county will be considered on Tuesday next and that Mr. LeFevre is desired present. The members of the court are opposed to granting any blanket franchises such as Mr. LeFevre's resolution submitted to the court provides it mentioning county roads generally without specifying any particular roads desired.

The Rev. J. R. Milligan of St. Georges stated that he had again canvassed the residents living along the State road from Delaware City to Odessa and found that with one exception they all favored the granting of the right of way to the railway company to lay tracks along the state road. He said he felt that the company could have the work begun within six months after it had received the right of way.

County Treasurer Burns reported that he had received the following taxes: Wilmington City Electric Company, $500; Wilmington City Railway Company; $1,000; American Telegraph and Telephone Company, $55. Sheriff Gillis turned over $629 he had collected as costs to the county treasurer.

James G. Vandegrift of St. Georges hundred was given $25 for sheep killed by dogs.

Chairman Brown of the finance committee presented a resolution that $1250 be transferred from the appropriation for Wilmington hundred to the good roads appropriation. Some payments are to be made for good road work.

THE FARM, GARDEN AND DAIRY

Short Pungant Paragraphs Gathered Here and There

The State of Newyork has twenty-seven Grange Fire Insurance companies, insuring property of members of the order in the state alone to a total amount of $100,986,495.

Grain shippers of the west and northwest charge that eastern railroads, by failure to supply cars for transporting grain from Buffalo to the seaboard, have taken action internationally that means the depreciation of all farm produce.

The storm of early October seriously damaged the fruit and celery crops in Michigan and New York, and the same storm extended over the Cotton Belt, resulting in a loss estimated at 150,000 bales of cotton. Hardly any damage is reported in the Northwest.

Stick to the farm; don't sell it, even if it does not pay; it gives you a home, plenty to eat and plenty to wear, and a tight roof over your head. A foothold upon the soil is what all who can, should have, if they do not wish to become like those described by the wise philosopher quoted. Dead, he yet speaketh!

The Iowa Experiment Station has been doing some good work in demonstrating the possibles of cold storage for fall varieties of apples. It has been found that fall apples can be kept, in proper cold storage, three or four months. The Northern half of Iowa is becoming a great apple country, with special attention being given to fall varieties instead of winter apples.

A single hair from a cow falling into a pint of milk, and being permitted to remain there for thirty-six hours will produce 5,000,000 bacteria, a bit of sawdust or straw from the floor if it gets into the milk and stays there twenty four hours germinates 7,000,000 bacteria and a live fly drowning in milk will produce 3,410,000 bacteria if its corpse stays in the milk one day.

The fall plowed lands should be given thorough and repeated tillage in the spring before planting to corn. Disk and roll until a firm, mellow, seed bed has been made. Don't plant until these conditions are secured. Many Northwestern corn growers will harvest seventy-five bushels per acre this year, which is no accident or good luck, but the result of close observation and intelligent farming.

Beet raising may be made a highly profitable industry. It brings a factory into an agricultural district. It assures the farmer $5 a ton for his crop. It makes him a better general farmer because of the habits of industry it requires; beet raising is simply truck gardening on a large scale. It is good for dairying; the pulp from which juice has been expressed is wholesome, appetizing to cattle and productive of both milk and flesh.

Imports of farm products were larger in 1905 than any year since 1890, according to a report just issued by the Department of Agriculture on exports and forest products. The value of the exports, however, exceeds that of the imports by more than one half, and there was a balance of trade of $285,000,000 in favor of the farm products. The report adds that during the last sixteen years the balance of trade for all products was $5,982,000,000, while the balance of trade for farm products was $56,35,000,000. In 1905 the balance of trade in favor of farm products was the owest since 1898, due to the falling off in the grain trade and to the increase in the quantities and in the average import price of certain article imported in large amounts such as sugar, wool hides, skins, and coffee.

USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

If a pimple or boil will not come to a head apply cloths that have been dipped in hot water.

For bronchial trouble, if common baking soda is blown through a glass tube into the throat it will be found effective.

After cutting a corn peroxide should always be applied to prevent any possibility of blood poisoning.

To cure dandruff, after washing and drying the hair part it and apply vaseline to the scalp, but do not allow it to get on the hair; that is to say, allow as little as possible.

If there is any doubt as to vermin being in a child's head, saturate the hair with coal oil, and after it has been on for about twenty minutes wash the hair with soap and water.

Earache will be relieved if a few drops of heated sweet oil, into which the same quantity of laudanum has been put, is poured in the aching ear, but care must be taken not to get the oil too hot, and sometimes it is difficult to get a child to keep still long enough to do this. In that case try dipping a piece of medicated cotton in the heated oil and put that in the ear, but be sure to have the piece sufficiently large that it can be easily taken out.

A few drops of camphor taken on a lump of sugar at the first intimation of a cold will often break it up.

Mix ginger cookies with cold coffee instead of water, as it improves them.

Turnips and beets are improved by adding one or two tablespoonfuls of sugar when cooking.

Cranberries can be made very palatable with much less sugar by mixing them with about half their bulk of apples. Rub both cranberries and apples through a colander.

A round piece of tin about three inches in diameter, half of it turned upright, makes a good pot scraper.

To make an inexpensive bread and cake cooler, something that no housewife should be without, purchase a piece of rather fine meshed, heavy wire fencing. Have the hardware man turn down about four inches on each end and bind across with tin. This makes the side pieces for the cooler to stand on, and you have a simple, durable and inexpensive article on which to cool bread, cake and pies, or to place the hot stewpan while the sauce cools.

Boiled cabbage, in one family, is served with an egg sauce, to which Parmesan cheese has been added. The sauce is turned over the cabbage after it is put into the serving dish. For the sauce, an ordinary white sauce made of a cupful of milk and a tablespoonful each of butter and flour has two hard-boiled eggs, chopped fine, stirred into it.

Be sure to place a pad under the oilcloth cover to your kitchen table, as it lessens the noise, renders it easier to clean and doubles its wearing qualities.

It is possible to freshen stale cake by steaming it for about an hour and then leaving it in a hot oven for a few minutes. Yesterday's rolls may be made palatable by heating in the oven until they become right hot. When eaten warm they are delicious.

To increase the capacity of clothes presses, cut sticks from old brooms and place them across the clothes press, letting the ends rest on the boards that hold the hooks. This enables many coat hangers to be used, and if in a gentleman's clothes press, trousers can be folded and placed over the rods so that the creases will remain in place.

If a grate be very rusty blacklead it thoroughly and leave the wet blacklead to dry on it for a day or two. Then clean the grate in the usual way. It will polish beautifully, for the blacklead will have eaten off the rust.

When arranging china jars on polished furniture cut a piece of thick baize to the exact size of the base and pink it out at the edges, choosing some dull color which will barely show. This neat mat will effectively preserve the polished surface and will never be an eyesore.

Remove marking ink—Paint the mark with solution of cyanide of potassium, applied with a camel's hair brush. As soon as the ink disappears the linen should be rinsed in cold water, and then washed in the usual way.

Remove stains from enameled pans—Fill with water and a tablespoonful of powdered borax and let it boil well; then scour with soap rubbed on a coarse cloth, rinse thoroughly, and dry. Damp salt rubbed on the stains will also remove them.

One of the best ways of serving potatoes is in the shape of "lady fingers." Take medium-sized potatoes, pare, cut lengthwise three or four times, then slice these lengthwise, making them about the width and thickness of a little finger. Fry these brown and crisp in deep, hot fat same as for Saratoga chips. You will find these delicious if served hot soon as fried and salted.

For a useful gift to a woman trim up half a dozen nickel clothes hangers and sachet them. Then make a bag for each of flowered China silk or silkoline. The bag should be long enough to take in a waist and should be made of a folded length of the material, the closed part at the top and the open end at the bottom. Cut a split in the top, through which to put the hook of the hanger, and buttonhole it. Sew up the sides and hem the bottom.

If housekeepers who have to do their own washing and hang clothes out on cold, windy days will have a pair of white worsted gloves to draw on before going out they will find they can hang clothes in half the time it takes to run in and out and warm frost-nipped fingers. Tender hands, fresh from steaming suds, must not be sacrificed to Jack Frost.

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO EVERYONE

Little Paragraphs That will Interest Every Member of the Household

A minute to-day is worth an hour tomorrow.

Trying to avoid work is often the hardest kind.

Never borrow trouble but always be ready to lend it.

Money talks—and it is usually in a hurry to say "good bye."

Immigrants from Italy outnumber those from Ireland four to one.

The government patent office is two years behind with its work.

The brass industry alone supports 70,000 people at Waterbury, Conn.

Goose oil, persistently applied for a weeks, will loosen stiff joints.

One Greenland whale weighs as much as 88 elephants or 440 bears.

Sleeping out of doors is much more exhilarating if a man doesn't have to.

A Salvation Army lass says that the saloonkeepers are the most generous givers.

Cleveland's Y. M. C. A. has decided that a multi-millionaire cannot be an honest man.

There are 10,000,000 people facing starvation in the northern part of Central China.

They were engaged while in bathing and now their friends are calling it a swimming match.

Instead of having a surplus of $13,000,000 Cuba is found to be in debt to the extent of $1,000,000.

The hide of a horse yields about twenty pounds of leather, while that from a cow gives thirty-five pounds.

Fifty years ago our grandads said "Skedaddle!" Today we say "Skiddo!" And one is as bad as the other.

The British government gets an income of $25,000,000 from the railways, river boats and forest of India.

A sorehead in Kansas says there are no women mummies because a woman never was known to dry up and stay dried.

The first plows used in this country were made of cast iron and were objected to from the belief that the metal poisoned the ground.

A man who has been married five times says he has reasons to believe that Solomon's wisdom was acquired by association with his numerous mother-in-laws.

Spain is building some new war ships, which are to be equipped with American machinery; but that will not do much good. They are to be manned by Spaniards.

The Empire of Russia is rich in horses. According to the statistics of the Department of Agriculture at Washington, there are on earth 60,455,000 horses, of which Russia alone has 33,000,000, averaging twenty-five horses per hundred inhabitants.

The uses made of peat other than fuel are increasing. It is used largely as a body for stock food manufacture. Now we are informed that it makes excellent course paper of a fine dark slate color, valuable for wrapping paper, for packing purposes and for protection under carpets.

David Ranklin, of Tarkio, Mo., is now 86 years old and he never fails to go the rounds of his farms in good weather. He owns fourteen big farms containing 22,000 acres of land, and from these farms and his cattle and hogs he cleared over $1,000,000 in 1905; this year is expected to be equally as profitable. This, the in the United States finds largest farmer returns in the business.

On his recently completed tour aronnd the world Mr. Bryan was accompanied by his wife, who put in typewritting all the newspaper articles he prepared. Mrs. Bryan not only studied law and was admitted to the bar soon after she married her then undistinguished husband but she also learned to manipulate the typewriter as a further means of being of practical help to him in his work.

Lovers of tobacco in its various seductives forms who have been at times a trifle conscience smitten by reason of the alleged deplorable effects of the tobacco habit upon the mind and body should henceforth be able to smoke their pipes in peace since no less an authority than the London Lancet, the foremost journal of the medical world, has risen up to declare in the most deliberate and positive way that tobacco smoke contains an appreciable amount of formaldehyde, one of the most powerful of antiseptics and germ killers.

A WISH

Do you wish the world were better?
Let me tell you what to do,
Set a watch upon your actions, keep them
always straight and true;
Rid your mind of selfish motives, let your
thoughts be clean and high,
You can make a little Eden of the sphere
you occupy.

Do you wish the world were wiser?
Well, suppose you make a start
By accumulating wisdom in the scrapbook of your heart.
Do not waste one page on folly; live to
learn and learn to live,
If you want to give men knowledge, you
must get it ere you give.

Do you wish the world were happy?
Then remember day by day,
Just to scatter seeds of kindness as you
pass along the way;
For the pleasure of the many may oft
times be traced to one,
As the hand that plants the acorn shelters
armies from the sun.

Detective Gray Resigns

State Detective Charles E. Gray has handed in his resignation to Attorney-General Robert H. Richards and it has been accepted. As Governor Lea is on a gunning trip it cannot be learned who Mr. Gray's successor will be. At the time of Mr. Gray's appointment Theodore W. Francis, James Black, Evan W. Morrison and Henry M. Lang were mentioned in connection with the office.

OUR WOMAN'S COLUMN

Almost 15,000 women work about the mines in the German empire.

Dryness of the skin and general eruptions call for more fruit to be eaten.

Small kindnesses make a hundred friends where great talents make but one.

The Boston teachers are to be pensioned after a certain age with half pay.

Some men find the best get rich-quick scheme to be marrying a wealthy widow.

A bachelor is forced to wear skirts in Korea and cannot don trousers until he marries.

Skirts fit snugly over the hips, even though laid in tucks and plaits, but they flare very much over the feet.

Marrying a girl against the wishes of her parents is, next to murder, the most severely punishable crime in Lapland.

A good corn remedy consists of equal parts of sweet oil and iodine shaken together. Apply at night until relieved.

Education of the right sort is a great aid to personal charm. Read good books, study, try to make a success of your mental efforts.

Mrs. J. E. Greenwood of Perry, O. T., is a grand mother at 36 and Mrs. J. E. Smith, greatgrandmother of the newcomer, was a grandmother at 32.

Chinese women are giving up the practice of cramping their feet, but the habit seems to be too firmly fastened upon American women to ever be abandoned.

The self-conscious woman is seldom attractive. The popular girl is the one who is cheery, pleasant, delightful and sincere. She speaks out her prettiest and wittiest thoughts.

In rural England a girl is not allowed to see her engagement ring until after the wedding ceremony. You would never see a American girl take such long chances as that.

Breathing exercises, vocal culture, calisthenics and cold salt water sponge baths will develop a full, high chest. They must be practiced with regularity, however, to be of benefit.

Fourteen thousands babies comprise the annual crop of the biggest baby farm in the world. It is located at Moscow and has a branch in St. Petersburg that produces 8,000 babies a year.

Activity is the law of life. Idleness is more wearing than work, and, monotony kills more quickly than the healthful excitement of busy life. One must be doing and there is much to be done.

After having been barred for 157 years, women are henceforth to be admitted to the University of Pennsylvania in the same category as men, with a right to take up the same studies and earn the same degrees.

Mrs. John Jacob Astor, Sr., is described as the social queen of America, and her sway has been undisputed for thirty years. Her income is put down at $2,500,000 a year, but her resources are practically unlimited.

In Russia there are several woman mayors, and they were elected not out of gallantry, but simply because they were considered to be better fitted than any one else to be intrusted with the interests of the community.

Dr. Lorenz, the Viennese surgeon, who recently passed some time in the United States, says that he has found women inferior in physique in all others countries save in the United States, where their physique is so superb as to make that of their countrymen seem insignificent in proportion.

It is said that the way a woman takes a compliment stamps her place in society. A blush denotes the debutant; a giggle the silly or unsophisticated; a brusque protest, the sensible but unpolished; but the quiet unelated smile, with a quieter "thank you," if reply be neccessary, unmistakably, denotes the woman of social training, the one accustomed to compliments.

The business girl, in theory at least, should make the best wife. She knows the worries that beset a man in business. She understands the value of money, having had to work for it her self. She has probably learned to dress neatly and carefully, without extravagance. She knows by experience the workers' need of a restful home at the days' end. She has learned in her business career the necessity of system in all work. She knows the unfairness of loading the business person down with household errands. She knows how easily it is to be detained at the office; therefore won't fuss if dinner is kept waiting. She knows that there are bigger things in the universe than the trifling little personal things that happen to her each day.

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HIGHER PAY

All over the country labor is getting advanced wages. The cost of living has materially advanced and it is necessary that the man who works for wages should have more of them. The railroads, the large corporations, and the manufacturers have all recently given notice of increased pay, some to take effect December 1st, and some to take effect January 1st. About the only persons who do not share in the advance are those who work for fixed salaries. They have not generally been so kindly treated. Among this class will be found the school teachers. In the larger cities these are moving for a raise. They should have it, and their brethren and sisters of the country should share in it. There is no occupation so important as the one that directly has to do with the education and training of our children. And there is none that is so illy paid. To become a successful teacher requires years of study and a special adaptability to the work. Let them be paid accordingly.

LIQUOR LEGISLATION

Already schemes are talked of to avoid the necessity of the General Assembly granting to the people the right vested in them under the Constitution to say by a majority of the voters of each Constitutional district, whether license or no license of the sale of intoxicating liquors shall prevail in the said districts. We do not think that any such schemes can defeat the will of the people. The Republican State platform boldly accepted the principle that such a majority vote should decide the question. The matter, however, is in the hands of the members of the Legislature.

One of the plans is to provide an Excise Commission to pass upon the qualification for licenses, and to make the price for the license high, ranging from $1,000 in Wilmington down to $500 in smaller towns. We have no doubt that the Court would be pleased to get rid of this question. THE TRANSCRIPT believes in the proposed plan as an adjunct of the so-called local option law. That is, if a majority of the voters in any district decide in favor of license, that a commission of this kind rather than the Court should decide. Of course if the majority be for no license, there would be no need for a commission in that district. But, whatever is done, the so-called "Bottle Laws," by which the holder of a retail license, on payment of a small additional fee, can secure the right to sell in bottles to be carried away and drank off the premises. This law acts as a shield for a large amount of illegal selling, minors and habitual drunkards getting some one else to buy liquor for them and men who have already had too much, getting a bottle to enable them to continue the debauch the next day. This law is almost entirely responsible for the Sunday drinking. No retailer should be permitted to sell except in small quantities to be drunk on the premises.

CAN SHOOT GAME

The gunning season in Delaware opened last week, and hundreds of hunting dogs and gunners thronged the trains south-bound over the Delaware Railroad on Wednesday, to enjoy the first hunting of the season.

The open season will close with the last day of December, and it is now legal to hunt quail, partridge, pheasant, rabbit, &c. There is also a closed season for squirrel, other than red squirrels, which is coincident with that for the game mentioned above. The season for shooting wild goose, swan, brant and wild duck opened October 1st and will remain open the 15th of April.

The Delaware Game Protective Association has had detectives scouring the State for several weeks with a view to preventing over-anxious gunners starting out too soon, and as a result several have been arrested and heavily fined. This has had the effect of protecting the game as the law intends, which makes the open season better for those who observe the law. Promiscuous shooting in season and out of season would soon rid the State of birds, rabbits and squirrels, and the sportsman would find no pleasure in hunting for game, for there would be no game to hunt.

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MORE LIGHT

To the Citizens of Middletown and the Board of Town Commissioners especially:

Why is it that we do not have better light and more of it? Why is it that we submit to the mismanagement and a practical extortion upon us in the matter of light? Why is it that the Town Commissioners allow such proceedure to go on? I cannot answer the first question, but it can be answered by those responsible. The second question is apparently harshly stated and may make some people indignant, but no matter, the truth does hurt sometimes, especially when not desirable to be made known by those who try to keep it hidden.

I said mismanagement, is it so? let us see. The autocrats of the Light and Water Board have the power to call upon the town for money, they are supposed to have a competent superintendent and engineer, therefore the plant should rarely be out of order, accidents may and do happen, due allowance is made for them, but what sort of management do you call this action of theirs, shutting off the lights in the early evening, the time when our wives and families most naturally wish to go out, thus keeping them at home, preventing them from going to the stores to do their little shopping. I should think the storekeepers would have a right to complain on that score, also, when the lateness of the hour renders it undesirable to go out to make social or other calls and the stores were closed, then the street lights were turned on. That is only one point, there are others. I also said practical extortion, have we ever had the volume of light that as a town and as individuals we are taxed and have paid for? I say no! Nor the half of it, nor have ever had it. If the almanac says moonlight and on the contrary should happen to be as dark as Erebus, there is no light on the streets, or if any, so very poor that a June Bug would be ashamed of itself if it could do any better; I don't know what almanac is consulted by this Penny-wise management, but it looks very much as if they had struck an obsolete copy. When we do not get all we pay for—when we get nothing for our money many hours is not that practically extortion, the town board lays the taxes and "willy-nilly" we have them to pay. I thought there was some hope for a better management of affairs when new blood was introduced into the Light and Water Board but I see no difference. In fact, there seems to be an utter indifference, effort of a "the public be D——d." It took Tom Nash with his cartoons and a powerful newspaper, ten years to down the Tweed Ring in New York City, but it was done.

These autocrats of the Light and Water Board elected by the dollar vote may yet meet their Waterloo. I said in my article last spring, "that though the will of the people might be defeated, the fight was not ended." They used all of the pressure and influence they could possibly bring to bear, in order to hold themselves in office.

I have heard that one of them has said that he favored having the Board Legislated out of existence and the plant turned over to the Town Board. Oh, yes, that sounds very fine, does it not? I do not think any Town Board would consent to that, at least not until those thousands of dollars due from the free light and waters users of the board has been paid into the town treasury and a full accounting and anditing has been made.

The next question is up to the Town Board. You, gentlemen, have some power, if you will use it I believe there is no question but the popular vote of the citizens would sustain you in any wise course you should adopt. You certainly have a right to manage the affairs of the town, and if your course does not suit the autocrats, let them suffer, they would unload a hell p'aut upon you. It is said that when rats leave a ship the vessel is unsafe. Well the Chief Engineer has left the plant—the Board is willing that the plant shall go into your hands. You can draw your own conclusions. If by any chance that would-be autocrat, "Fair Play," should answer this, I have only to say "There's more shot in the Locker."

CITIZEN.

CECILTON

Miss Elizabeth Anderson spent Sunday with Miss Frances Griffith.

Miss Edith Alderson was the guest of Miss Clara Manlove on Sunday.

We are pleased to state that Mr. John Hessey who has been quite ill, is improving.

The Misses Scottons, of Galena, spent one day this week with Miss Mary Blackway.

Miss Emma Lusby is spending several days with Mrs. S. Wills Lusby in Tenixville, Pa.

Davis Taylor and bride, of Philadelphia, have been the guests of his parents, John Taylor and wife.

Miss Mamie Jones, of Philadelphia, has been spending a few days with her parents, T. P. Jones and wife.

William Pearce and wife, of Philadelphia, have been spending a few days with John Anderson and wife.

John Manning, wife and children, of Camden, N. J., have been spending a few days with Rev. W. F. Dawson and wife.

Dallas Manlove, of Philadelphia, has returned from spending the past week with his parents, J. C. Manlove and wife.

A supper and bazaar will be held in the Jr. O. U. A. M. Hall on Thursday and Friday evenings, November 29th and 30th. Benefit of missions. All come and help the good cause.

Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor and son Willard, and Mrs. William H. Taylor attended the wedding of G. Davis Taylor to Miss Catharine G. Palmer, of Philadelphia, on Wednesday evening last.

PORT PENN

William Webb a farmer near town, had a valuable horse drowned in the creek on Sunday.

Mrs. Joseph Yearsley and Miss Mae Yearsley were in Wilmington on Saturday.

Messrs. Elwood Webb, Joseph Yearsley and Hampton Eaton were home over Sunday.

Mr. Everett Craig and family visited William Bland and family on Sunday.

Owing to the illness of Miss M. Huston the primary department of our public school was closed last week.

MAY TAKE LICENSES FROM COURT

Talk of Establishing an Excise Commission and Making a High License Fee.

A shock is in store for the liquor men of Delaware. It is reported upon good Republican authority that the new legislature, now, for the first time overwhelmingly Republican, with a two-thirds majority in the House of Representatives and lacking only one of a two-thirds majority in the State Senate, will pass some radical reform measures. One of the first will be a statue revolutionizing the liquor business in this State. It is said that the matter is proposed as an attempt to compromise with the most radical local optionists so that the local option movement may be temporized with and moderated down to that of any slowly-working reform. The proposition as it has transpired here this week is to enact no local option legislation (providing the radical local optionist can be put into a minority and made to yield), but to do two radical things: First, take the issuance and judgement upon liquor licenses away from the judges of the Superior Court, and put it into the hands of an Excise Commission of three members, to be appointed by the governor. Second, to pass a high license law, raising the license nearly half. One suggestion is that the fee be raised to $1,000, but as this would be a well-nigh prohibitory law, especially as far the as small towns are concerned, it is not likely that it will pass in that form—*Wilmington Sunday Star.*

ROBBERIES AT SMYRNA

DOVER, DEL., Nov. 22d.—One alleged thief has been lodged in jail here and another is being shadowed as a result of two robberies in Smyrna.

Miss Elva Griffin, a young woman, manager of the Dimond State Telephone Company, from whom purse-snatcher, Oscar Richardson, got a wallet containing money and keys by exercising the strong-armart, has regained part of the money and Richardson has been captured, has confessed and is in prison, held for General Sessions Court.

Sometime last night, burglars rifled the auction rooms of Drake and Pennington in the store property of John C. Stockley and filled a bag with watches, jewelry, bric-a-brac and fine knives and pistols.

The residence of Mrs. Caroline J. Raymond was broken into during the absence of the family, but no valuables have been missed.

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In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of said State to be affixed, at Dover, this first day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and six and in the year of the independence of said State the one hundred and thirty-first.

By the Governor:
PRESTON LEA.

Joseph L. Caball,
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Given under the hand and seal of office of the Register of Wills aforesaid, at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written.

(SEAL)

FRED E. BACH, Register of Wills.

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. . A THANKSGIVING

BY AVERY ABBOTT

Little Mrs. Hillis sighed as she put up one leaf of the kitchen table, and, spreading it with a white cloth, set out one plate and with it a gold-banded cut and saucer. When she put beside the plate a knife, fork and spoon she sighed again, and if she had not been plump and dimpled with bright brown hair, bright blue eyes and a complexion like a girl's she might have looked forlorn.

There was undoubtedly a crease in her forehead when the lid of the copper tea kettle danced up with a sputter and she lifted it to the back of the shining cook stove. Yet the small kitchen fairly radiated a cheery coziness. The red stripes in the clean rag carpet were scarcely less fresh and bright than the scarlet geranium blossoms in the window. The glass doors of the dish-cupboard shone over even rows of scalloped blue paper, and in front of the stove, on a braided rug, a great Maltese cat purred with a steady whirr. The wood fire, too, was crackling happily, sending out bright gleams about the hearth and filling the room with a fragrant warmth which was most grateful this late November afternoon.

Mrs. Hillis folded a gray plaid shawl over her head and pinned it under her round chin, before she took an ear of corn from a peach-basket in the sink-cupboard and started down the path toward a sagging shed at the end of the garden. The small plot of ground showed a cheerless surface with rough clods where the potatoes had been dug, a few cabbage stumps and a patch of blackened tomato vines.

Midway of the path Mrs. Hillis stopped and looked, with an added pucker of her forehead, over an adjoining field, between the opulent corn-shocks of which great pumpkins glowed like harvest moons. A flock of turkeys passed across the rows in one of those skimming runs which such fowls seem to take by way of diversion. The little widow scanned the birds sharply, then, hurrying on, pulled open the shed door. A half-dozen plump Plymouth Rocks that had been scratching in the litter outside hurried around the edges of her skirts with alert friendliness, but Mrs. Hillis stepped quickly through the shed to a small enclosure at the back, and, bending down, peering into a large box, the front of which was roughly slatted up with keg-staves. One of these awkward bars had been pushed awry and the interior of the box showed only a litter of straw and some kernels of corn. Mrs. Hillis dropped limply down upon the edge of the coop.

Oh! she said in a tone of vexation verging on tears. For when one has nurtured the crowning glory of a festival dinner through fuzzy and precarious infancy to pompous and gobbling maturity, to find only an empty coop on the day but one before Thanksgiving, the situation is distressing in the extreme.

However, the trials of Mrs. Hillis were deeper than can ordinarily be occasioned by the truancy of a wayward turkey gobbler. Vicissitudes had begun for her ten years before, when she had chosen to make Joe Hillis helmsman of her matrimonial bark instead of entrusting the rudder to the firmer though less gentle hand of John Dawson. But Joe's drooping blond mustache and appealing brown eyes had been easily more winning than all John's sterling virtues behind a brusque and not especially attractive front. And perhaps she had been happy with Joe; at least, no one—not even John Dawson—could make assertion to the contrary. But pecuniarly their existence had held only one certainty, the law of diminishing returns.

Joe's frequent changes in occupation and place of abode had been on a steadily descending scale until at last he consistently rounded off his existence by contracting the lingering fever which made Mrs. Hillis a widow. Her father had died not long before, and it was with a real sense of relief and security that she took, as her share of his property, the old house at the edge of the village where she had been born and which had been all too small for the six brothers and sisters in their more boisterous days. The other heirs sold the land belonging to the place, and John Dawson was the purchaser.

He had won the solid prosperity unattainable by poor Joe Hillis, but he still lived alone with his sister in his comfortable white house, and [illegible] cold courtesy wh[illegible] widow on the street[illegible] little soul, began [illegible] housekeeping with [illegible] dence of content, but, though an ancestral roof-tree furnishes both shelter and solace, it can neither be eaten nor worn, and Mrs Hillis found her small garden and occasional plain sewing scant means of support More over, she often sighed when she set out the one plate, cup and saucer, and longed, or devotedly believed that she did, to see across the table the drooping mustache and mild eyes of the amiable but improvident Joe.

The chief joy to which her hospitable heart looked forward each year, and for which she planned with an almost religious fervor, was the gathering together in the old home at Thanksgiving time of her brothers and sisters with their troop of children. To this end were laid aside the finest products of her little garden, but the buying of the turkey always came so near to collapsing the limp sides of her little purse, that this last year she had thriftily determined upon raising the festival sacrifice herself.

Accordingly, early in the spring four big, freckled eggs had been confided to the care of a maternal Plymouth Rock, of which investment one full-grown turkey had been the sole realization. However, he seemed bent upon atoning for the premature defection of the rest of his family. He took on pounds and pompousness with a fine disregard of fate, and by the time the first frost nipped the morning-glories over the kitchen window Mrs. Hillis' pride in her turkey was only equalled by his pride in himself, though that seemed threatening to burst him in a purple apoplexy.

Probably it is not true that Mrs. Hillis made her own meals more sparing that she might surfeit the turkey; but if she did, her self-denial had the usual reward, for that graceless bird early developed habits of ungrateful truancy. The turkeys of John Dawson roamed at will over the broad Dawson acres, and the widow's turkey at every opportunity solaced his loneliness in the company of his kind.

Many times and wearily had Mrs. Hillis trudged across the fields and driven him, gobbling and rebellious, back to the little garden, until at last, two weeks before Thanksgiving, she laboriously built a coop from the box and keg-staves and committed her Thanksgiving bird to solitary confinement.

It had been a prudent move, and all would have gone well had the little widow been a better carpenter, but a misplaced blow of the hammer and a nail gone wrong had furnished the prisoner his opportunity. Mrs. Hillis had recognized his darker color and greater size in the flock which flitted between the corn-shocks, and now, as she sat upon his empty coop, there were unmistakable tears in her eyes.

It would be almost impossible to catch him after the ignominy of his imprisonment; and go to John Dawson to recover her turkey she would not—no, not if she had to buy a turkey—though she knew quite well that there were just twenty-seven cents in that snabby little purse behind the clock.

John Dawson had a whole flock of turkeys and everything else that he did not need Moreover, he had always been very high and cool with her and no more than polite to poor Joe while he lived; not at all cordial and helpful, as an old schoolmate and neighbor should be. Mary Hillis wiped away two more tears as she reviewed the shortcomings of John Dawson, omitting entirely to recall that it was she who had first scorned John and that he had lived unmarried ever since in the midst of a villageful of possible and aspiring Mrs. Dawsons.

But none of these extenuating circumstances suggested themselves to the widow as she rose from the deserted coop and, going out into the chill twilight, once more swept her eyes over the corn field Nothing moving was to be seen there, and she turned toward the Dawson homestead, only separated from her own low brown house by a narrow strip of pasture The turkeys were already making rapidly across this open space toward the Dawson barn, and with the flock, just as she had feared, was the darker brown plumage of her own recreant bird. The next [illegible] essed the horse barn.

[illegible]illis, watching [illegible]ps in a red line, [illegible]olute turn went [illegible] snug kitchen.

Quickly she gathered up her few tea things and set out her slender meal on the end of the sewing machine in front of the kitchen window which commanded the Dawson house. She could see the turkeys still pecking busily while she ate her bread and butter and apple sauce and drank her pale tea. The turkeys also finished their supper, and [illegible] tipping and tilting [illegible] their necks, edged over to [illegible] barn yard fence from which the [illegible] mounted to the branch of an old box-elder just above. The dark brown one waited until the last, but when the others were settled he too sailed on to the fence and took his place at the end of the line on the box-elder limb.

When Mrs. Hillis could no longer distinguish the dark forms of the turkeys in the rapidly closing dusk, she pulled down the shade, lit a lamp and washed her dishes. Then she brought up a pumpkin from the cellar, and slicing it into great yellow rings, peeled and cut them ready for stewing. She chopped suet and stoned raisins, glancing occasionally at the clock. Finally she opened the door and looked out. The night was like a black wall—still and starless.

She took down her gray shawl from its hook, hesitated, then hung it up again, and, taking the lamp, went into the bedroom. When she came out her blue calico dress was pinned high out of the way and she wore an old coat and a felt hat the languid and seedy droop of which looked exactly like Joe Hillis. But the face of the little widow had resolute lines which Joe's had never possessed as she turned down the lamp-wick and stepped out into the dark.

The night was rayless, but John Dawson, preparing to read the newspaper he had brought from the postoffice and finding he had left it in the buggy, did not think it necessary to take a lantern when he went to the barn to get it. The black colt whinneyed softly from his box-stall and John put out his hand and touched the velvet nose. He stood stroking the animal's smooth neck when he heard the swish of feet over the frosty grass and then the "Quit! quit!" of startled turkeys. He stepped to the door and toward the box-elder; a board creaked slightly—someone was climbing the fence, With one stride he reached out at random in the dark and, grasping an arm in a rough coat sleeve, jerked the depredator to the ground.

Bill Means, you snivelling little chicken thief! Why didn't you ask me for a turkey if you wanted one? with a vigorous shake of the arm. I've given your family their Thanksgiving dinner before now and I shall probably have to do it again if you don't—

This righteous objurgation came to an abrupt halt as the prisoner interrupted in a small and breathless voice, It isn't Bill Means—it's—me, while the free hand gave him a thoroughly feminine push.

John Dawson dropped the arm, realizing, even as his grasp relaxed, that inside the coarse sleeve it was soft and round.

Mary, he said, stupidly; Mary, he reiterated. There are some voices that a man knows on the darkest night.

Mary Hillis struggled for her dignity. I only wanted my—my—— She justified herself with hysterical asperity.

Your what? The voice sounded stern.

There came a sudden outburst of words and tears together. That horried old turkey gobbler, and I wouldn't ask you for him—not if there never was another turkey, nor another Thanksgiving; nor—nor anything!

Why—Mary! ejaculated John Dawson, and what he said after that it is doubtful whether either of them could have told, and certainly no one else has any right to. However, when he left her at the door of the low brown house, he spoke with his characteristic clearness and decision:

We'll be married, Mary, on Thanksgiving Day.

The little widow gasped again. Why, John, we can't! Not the day after to-morrow!

I believe Thanksgiving *is* the day after to-morrow, he agreed calmly. You said No to me ten years ago, Mary. I think we'll begin on Yes now; there couldn't be a better day than Thanksgiving. But we won't eat your turkey.

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AFTER almost [illegible] the Currency [illegible] here representing [illegible] interests of the U[illegible] a series of recom[illegible] present to Congr[illegible] meets and wh[illegible] show of passing [illegible] the united opini[illegible] ests and not ex[illegible] York. The refor[illegible] vides for an issue [illegible] by the National Banks o[illegible]s which it is believed will guarant[illegible]tire stability. Briefly the scheme i[illegible]allow banks of issue to put out extr[illegible] to the amount of [illegible] normal bond se[illegible] issue will be [illegible] cent. An[illegible] cent of [illegible] sued [illegible] may first [illegible]s note issue by a deposit of 5 per cent. of the total note valuation in the Treasury of the United States. As its taxes accumulate it may call for a refund of this deposit, providing always that there is an amount to its credit in the reserve fund not falling below the five per cent. of its note issue.

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The prosecution of the Standard Oil Company under the Sherman anti-Trust act has awakened a great deal of interest in Washington, especially in view of Attorney-General Moody's statement that he believes he can push the prosecution to a successful conclusion. The investigations of the Bureau of Corporations during the past two years have made it seem plain enough to the average citizen that the Standard Oil Company has been "caught with the goods," and the only wonder is that the Attorney-General has not included criminal prosecution, as well as civil, in his indictment. There is little question that criminal prosecution would be justified and it is believed that it could be made to stick. But it is thought that the moral effect of winning the civil suit will be enough to force the Standard oil Company out of its monopolistic existence and frighten its moving spirits into playing fair with the public and the independent dealers lest a worse thing befall them.

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There is every indication that Senator T. C. Platt, of New York, is going to resign. The old gentleman has been in very ill health for a long time past. His political friends, to a very large extent, have fallen away from him since he lost control of the New York machine and the recent unpleasant family troubles through which he has passed make it almost impossible for him to remain in public life. The reason for thinking that his resignation is impending lies in the fact that if he resigns now his successor will be appointed by the present Governor, the legislature being Republican in both branches. This is about the last service he can render to his party and it is thought he will take the opportunity while it offers. The most probable name among those mentioned as his successor is Frank S. Black and it is understood that he will gladly accept the position, Senator Platt's present term runs until 1909.

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There has been a meeting in Washington this week of the American Forestry Association that ought to be of considerable interest all over the country. Gifford Pinchot, the Chief Forester, has presided, and it is understood that one of the results of the meeting will be an application to Congress for an appropriation of $200,000, to find a substitute for hickory in wagon building. The supply of hickory has made American wagons and buggies famous the world over. It was erroneously believed to be inexhaustible until a few years ago when the supply in the central Atlantic and middle western states was suddenly discovered to have been used up. The question now arises whether by chemical or other treatment a substitute for hickory can be secured, and it is largely with this in view that the convention wants to establish a Forest Labratory in Washington.

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In view of his undoubted success at Utica, the President has selected Secretary Root as his spokesman for an address before the Trans-Mississippi Exposition soon to be held in St. Louis. The interest in what the Secretary may have to say lies largely in the fact that it is understood he will make a statement embodying the views of the President on the Monroe Doctrine. This will be an offset to the somewhat indiscreet remarks of Professor Burgess before the University of Berlin a fortnight ago. The subject of South American trade will be discussed at the meeting and efforts are being made to secure the attendance of several of the South American diplomatic representatives. Whatever Secretary Root says on the subject of the Monroe Doctrine will of course be directed to attentive ears and will find its way directly into South America as an official utterance from the Department of State or as he would be called in Europe the premier or Minister of Foreign affairs.

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This government has been a party to the conference now proceeding in Berlin for the adjustment of wireless telegraph arrangements between the various Powers. The report of the American representatives has not yet been received but it is understood in Washington that an arrangement has been reached whereby all of the commercial companies will enter a big combine under the name of the United Wireless Company. The capital of the new undertaking is set at $20,000,000. The various governments represented at the conference will not be affected by the commercial combination for each of them has its own system and the most of them build their own instruments. But it is understood that with the approval of all the powers the commercial business of wireless telegraphy will pass into the hands of a single concern.

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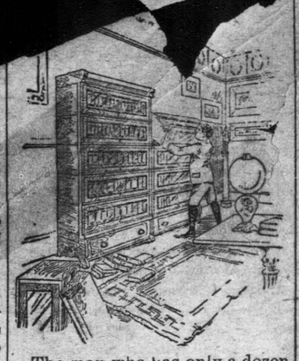

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